



## **Michigan Science Teachers Association Letter of Support**

for

### **Michigan Science Standards**

The Michigan Science Teachers Association endorses the Department of Michigan's move to new science standards as defined by the Performance Expectations developed from The K-12 Framework for Science Education. We are looking forward to working with the Michigan Department of Education to develop guidance around the implementation of these Standards.

In keeping with the Michigan Science Teachers Association's mission statement to stimulate, support and provide leadership for the improvement of science education throughout Michigan, we have taken on a key role in the writing and review process for this initiative. Throughout the development of the Performance Expectations, we observed that with each iteration of the drafts, many of Michigan's recommendations were incorporated. We actively encouraged parents, community members, and Michigan leaders in business and industry to provide input into these Science Standards.

We embrace the vision provided in A Framework for K-12 Science Education from which the Michigan Science Standards were developed. Our goal is to promote the effective, systematic, and sustained implementation of the Michigan Science Standards once they are approved.

The Michigan Science Teachers Association believes that science education based upon the K-12 Framework will increase scientific literacy levels of all students in our state. We contend that these standards will provide the skills needed by Michigan students as they enter the business and industry workforce needed to promote

Michigan's economy.

We have confidence that the Michigan Science Standards will better equip Michigan students for college, careers, and citizenship. The Michigan Science Teachers Association enthusiastically endorses the Michigan Science Standards for all Michigan students.

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